

**THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
MINUTES  
MARCH 23, 1999**

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The Board of Psychology ("Board") met on Tuesday, March 23, 1999 at the Department of Health Professions, 6606 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by the Chair, Clifford V. Hatt, Ed.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Clifford V. Hatt, Ed.D., Chair  
John Bruner, Ph.D.  
Jacqueline M. Curtis, Ed.D.  
Jeanne E. Decker, Ph.D.  
David L. Niemeier, Ph.D.  
Charles A. Peachee, Jr., M.S.  
Benjamin W. Robertson, D.Min.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

George A. Clum, Ph.D.  
June D. Sullivan

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director  
Janet D. Delorme, Deputy Executive Director  
John Hasty, Director  
LaDonna Duncan, Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Lynne Fleming, Assistant Attorney General

**ORDERING OF AGENDA**

Dr. Curtis opened the floor to any changes in the agenda order. The agenda was accepted as submitted.

**WELCOMING OF NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Dr. Hatt extended a welcome to the newest member of the Board of Psychology, Charles A. Peachee, Jr., M.S.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 1998**

A motion was made by Dr. Bruner and seconded by Dr. Decker to accept the minutes of September 22, 1998 as submitted. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Hatt opened the floor to comment from the public. No comments were received.

## REPORTS

### Deputy Executive Director's Report

Ms. Delorme reported that the Board has not received approval from the Secretary's Office to publish the proposed amendments to the psychology regulations pursuant to Executive Order 14 (94). Ms. Delorme noted that a Pre-NOIRA had been submitted to request permission to increase fees to correct a projected budget deficit for the upcoming biennium. Ms. Delorme stated that the Regulatory Committee would be considering issues pertaining to temporary licensure, inactive licensure and continuing education requirements in the coming year.

Mr. Hasty elaborated on Ms. Delorme's explanation of the proposed fee changes, adding that the agency would have to budget for an upcoming state-wide 6.2 % salary increase and the anticipated relocation of the department at the end of its lease.

### Disciplinary Committee

Dr. Hatt presented the Disciplinary Committee activity report. This report was accepted as information. Following discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Bruner and seconded by Dr. Curtis to adopt a modified system to allow the Executive Director to conduct a preliminary review of discipline cases and make recommendations to the Chair of the Discipline Committee or designee for appropriate disposition of disciplinary cases. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

### Examination Committee

Dr. Bruner presented the Examination Committee activity report. This report was accepted as information.

### Credentials Committee

Dr. Curtis presented the Credentials Committee activity report. This report was accepted as information.

There was discussion on the issue of application deadlines. It was determined that a "complete application" would include all forms except form 6 (*Verification of Licensure*) and staff would make the necessary calls to verify that licensure(s) is in good standing. Following discussion, it was determined that the Credentials Committee would develop a guidance document that would address the issue of application deadlines.

### Executive Director's Report

Evelyn Brown reported that the following legislation had been enrolled and signed:

- SB 991, which removes the sunset clause from statutes establishing sex offender treatment provider certification.
- HB 2360/SB 1199, which requires the Board of Psychology to license School Psychologists Limited.
- HB 2452, which provides that a treating physician or clinical psychologist may not refuse to release records to a patient unless it would cause actual harm to the patient or the patient is an imminent danger to himself or others.
- SB 944, which adds the Health Practitioners Intervention Program within the Department of Health Professions to the list of entities to which a board may disclose information resulting from an investigation or proceeding.
- SB 1104, which requires the Board of Social Work to promulgate regulations establishing continuing education requirements for licensed social workers.

Ms. Brown also reported that the Board would need to begin the process of promulgating regulations for limited licensure of school psychologists endorsed by the Department of Education as required by HB 2360/SB 1199.

#### Amendments To Board Bylaws

Following discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Niemeier and seconded by Dr. Decker to change the wording under "Election of Officers" as follows: B. Election of officers shall occur at the first scheduled Board meeting following July 1. Elected officers shall assume the duties of the office at the end of the first scheduled meeting following July 1. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Correspondence

Ms. Brown presented correspondence from Drs. Fowler, Gonder-Frederick and Barth regarding temporary licensure. The Board referred the issue to the Regulatory/Legislation Committee. Dr. Decker directed staff to invite the directors of the psychology residency programs in Virginia's medical schools to the next Committee meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### Committee Appointment

Dr. Hatt appointed Charles Peachee to serve on the Regulatory/Legislative Committee with the consent of the Board members.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

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Clifford V. Hatt, Ed.D.  
Chair

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Evelyn B. Brown  
Executive Director